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## STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

31ST DECEMBER, 1957

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative  
at 31st December, 1957.)

### ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
	s. d.			
<u>COOPERING -</u> Cooper	343/-	40		Coopers (Comm'th) Agreement.
<u>FURNITURE -</u> Cabinet Maker	330/-	"		Furnishing Trades (Comm'th) Award
Chairmaker	330/-	"		
French Polisher	330/-	"		
Wood Carver	330/-	"		
Wood Machinist	330/-	"	"A" Grade Machinist	
<u>SAWMILLING &amp; TIMBER YDS.-</u> Box and Case Maker	295/-	"		Timber Workers (Comm'th)Award
Labourer	269/-	"	"Experienced" (i.e. with 3 months experience)	
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	325/-	"	)"A" Grade machinists. n.e.i.	
Moulding	325/-	"		
Planing	325/-	"		
Shaping	325/-	"	) tradesmen or with 4 Years experience	
Orderman	303/-	"		
Sawyer -				
Bank or Jig	330/-	"	Log bank sawyer	
Circular	322/-	"	Cutting a depth of at least 7 1/8"	
Tallyman	298/-	"	Man who keeps an account of timber	
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u> Boilermaker	330/-	40		
Helper	278/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more	
Labourer	264/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u> Electrical Mechanic	330/-	"		Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u> Electrical Fitter	358/-	"	) Include 20/- power station allowance	
Instrument Maker	383/-	"		
Linesman	338/-	"	"A" Grade	
Sub Station Main- tenance Fitter	338/-	"		
<u>ENGINEERING -</u> Blacksmith	332/6	"		Tradesman
Brassfinisher	330/-	"		
Coppersmith	332/6	"		

(a) Commonwealth refers to awards of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.  
State - refers to determinations of Victorian Wages Boards.

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>ENGINEERING Contd.</u>				
Fitter	330/-	40		
Labourer	264/-	"	With not less than 3	
Patternmaker	352/6	"	months experience	
Shaper	330/-	"	Machinist 1st Class	
Striker	282/6	"	On double fires	
Turner	330/-			
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>				
Coremakers-machine	305/-	"	After 18 months experience	
Coremakers-jobbing	330/-	"		
Dressers	302/6	"	Shot and sand blast-not	
			operating from outside a	
			properly enclosed cabin	
Furnaceman	300/-	"	Cupola	Metal Trades
Moulders-machine	305/-	"	After 18 months experience	(Comm'th) Award
Moulders-jobbing	330/-			
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	285/-	"	By hand	
Machinist	277/-	"	Power-not elsewhere	
			specified	
Solderer	277/-	"		
Sheet metal worker				
1st Class	330/-	"		
Sheet metal worker				
2nd Class	305/-	"		
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	362/6	40		Bread Trade Board
Bread Carter	335/6	"		(State)
				Bread Carters
				Board (State)
Ovensman	362/6	"		Bread Trade
Single Hand	385/10	"		Board (State)
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS &amp; CAKES)-</u>				
Baker	313/-	40		
General Labourer	283/-	"		Biscuit Board
				(State)
Mixer	313/-	"		
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	305/-	"		The Liquor Trades
				(Breweries) Award
				(Comm'th)
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	300/6	"		Transport Workers
				(General) (Comm'th)
Labourer	298/-	"		The Liquor Trades
				(Breweries) Award
				(Comm'th)
Malt Hand	303/-	"		Liquor Trades
				(Malsters)
				(Comm'th)
Towerman	305/-	"		Liquor Trades
				(Breweries)
				Award (Comm'th)
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL)-</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	298/-	"		
General Butcher	330/-	"	Acts as Shopman or is	
			principally engaged in	
			cutting for window	
			display	
				The Meat Ind-
				ustry (Shops
				and Smallgoods
				Factories)
				Award - (Comm'th)

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC. Contd.</u>				
<u>BUTCHERY</u> Contd.				
Shopman	330/-	40		
Sausage maker	323/-	"		
<u>CONFECTIONERY</u> -				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	320/-	"		Confectioners Board (State)
Storeman	306/6	"		
<u>JAM MAKING</u> -				
General labourer	282/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	Food Preservers Award (Comm'th)
Soldier	287/-	"		
<u>MEAT PACKING</u> -				
Copper	341/-	"		
Guillotine Hand	353/10	"		
Jokerman	337/-	"		Meat Preservers Board (State)
Packer	337/-	"		
Seamer	341/-	"		
<u>MILLING (Flour)</u> -				
Miller (Shift)	380/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000 lb. flour per hour	Flour Millers Award (Commonwealth)
Packerman	318/-	"		
Purifierman	322/6	"		
Smutterman	322/6	"		
Storeman (Head)	333/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	
Topman	322/6	"		
<u>PASTRYCOOKING</u> -				
Packer	281/-	"		Pastrycooks Board (State)
Pastrycook	332/-	"		
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING</u> -				
Clicker	312/-	40	Clicking outside (other than felt fabric soans or splits)	Footwear Manufactur- ing Industry Award (Comm'th)
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)</u> -				
Cutter	353/-	"		
Presser	315/-	"		
Tailor	326/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u> -				
Cutter	331/-	"		Clothing Trade Awar (Comm'th)
Presser	315/-	"		
Tailor	326/-	"		
Trimmer	315/-	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING</u> -				
(woollen mills)-				
Carder	290/-	"	Balling up card operator	
Dyehouseman	290/-	"		
Labourer (General)	261/-	"		Textile Industry (woollen and Worst Section) Award- (Comm'th)
Scourer (Wool)	299/6	"	Responsible for mixing of liquors and working of bowls	
Spinner	290/-	"		
Loom Turner	328/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 yrs. experience	
Warper (Plain)	293/-	"		
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Finisher	330/-	"		Graphic Arts Award (Comm'th)
Bookbinder	330/-	"		
Paper Ruler	330/-	"		

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
Compositor (Machine) -				
Day Work	480/6	38		Printing Industry
Night work	515/6	38		Employees Union
				Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>Machinist.</u>				
Day Work	436/6	40		Victorian Printers
Night Work	471/6	38		Operatives Union
Publisher - Day Work	359/9	40		Agreement (Unregistered)
Reader - Night Work	394/9	38		
Day Work	430/-	40		Printing Industry
Night Work	471/-	38		Employees Union
				Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>Stereographer -</u>				
Day Work	432/-	39		Victorian Printers
				Operative Union
Night Work	467/-	38		Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>PRINTING (JOBBER OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	352/6	40		
Linotype Operator	352/6	"		The Graphic Arts
Machinist	330/-	"	e.g. Letterpress Machinist	Award (Comm'th)
Reader	337/6	"		
Stereotyper	330/-	"		
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	314/-	40		
Pitman	334/6	"	Other Facemen (other bricks)	
Drawer	326/-	"	Employed in Hoffman Kilns	Brick Trade Wages
Trucker	308/-	"		Board
Setter	326/-	"		(State)
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	330/-	"		
Labourer	258/-	"		
Painter	322/6	"		Vehicle Industry
Spring fitter	330/-	"		Award Comm'th)
Trimmer	322/6	"		
Wheelwright	330/-	"		
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY-</u>				
Coke Trimmer	284/-	40		Gas Employees
				(Vic. etc.) Award C'wth
Gasfitter	347/6	"		Plumbers Board (State)
Labourer	278/-	"		Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) Award (Comm'th)
				Gas Meter Board (State)
Meter Tester	313/-	"		
Service Layer	305/6	"		
Service Layers' Labourer	281/-	"		Gas Employees (Vic. etc.)
Stoker	303/-	"	Stoker vertical retorts	Award (Comm'th)
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	325/6	"	Melter and Alloyer	
Mounter	353/-	"	Precious gem mounter	Jewellers Board (State)
Setter	353/-	"	Setter of precious gems	
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK -</u>				
Canvas Worker	307/-	"		Saddlery, Leather and
Leather Worker	307/-	"		Canvas Workers Award
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Beamsman	308/6	"		(Comm'th)
Labourer	278/6	"		
Line jobber	306/6	"		
<u>Lackinist-</u>				
Shaving	316/-	"		Tanning Industry
Splitting	333/6	"		Award (Comm'th)
Unhairing	308/6	"		
Tableman	309/6	"		



Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BUILDING *</u>				
Bricklayer	395/7	40	All other bricklayers	Bricklayers Board (State)
Bricklayer (sewer and tunnel)	411/2	"		Carpenters Board (State)
Carpenter	399/9	"		Stonemasons (S.A. & Vic.) Award (Comm'th)
Mason (Stone)	337/-	"		Painters Board (State)
Painter	376/8	"		Plasterers Board (State)
Paperhanger	373/6	"		Plumbers Board (State)
Signwriter	373/6	"		
Plasterer (Surface)	395/7	"		
Plumber	406/5	"		
<u>LABOURERS -</u>				
Bricklayer's	339/9	"	} Builders Labourers -	Builders Labourers Board (State)
Carpenter's	339/9	"		
Concrete Worker	339/9	"	} Ordinary	
Earth Excavator	339/9	"		
Gear Worker	361/5	"	} Builders Labourers -	
Scaffold Hand	361/5	"		
<u>RAILWAY &amp; TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
<u>Engine Driver Loco -</u>				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	398/-	Ø	Driver loco or electric train after 1st year	
Driving 120 miles or more per shift	413/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	339/6	Ø	Driver (shunting)-After 1st Year	Locomotive Engine Men's Award (Comm'th)
<u>Fireman</u>				
Ordinary	315/6	Ø	Fireman -after 1st year	
Working 120 miles or more per shift	323/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	296/6	Ø	Fireman (shunting), after 2nd Year	
<u>Guard -</u>				
1st Class	356/-	Ø		
2nd Class	341/-	Ø	5th year of service	Railway Traffic.
<u>Porter -</u>				
	300/6	Ø	Parcels Assistant Class 1-2nd Year of service	Locomotive Way and Signalling Wages Staff (Comm'th) Award.
<u>Shunter -</u>				
Loading	359/6	+	Loading, Class 1-2nd year of service	
Ordinary	317/-	+	3rd year of service	
<u>Signalman -</u>				
1st Class	353/-	+		
2nd Class	336/-	Ø		
3rd Class	323/-	Ø		
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
<u>Conductor -</u>				
1st year	286/-	40		
2nd year	300/6	"		
Thereafter	300/6	"		
Labourer	281/-	"		
Track Repairer	289/-	"		
Tram Driver	308/-	"		
Pitman	312/-	"		
				Tramway Employees Melbourne } Award - (Comm'th)

\* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job. etc.  
 Ø 80 hours per fortnight. + 76 hours per fortnight.

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<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
<u>Carter -</u>				
1 Horse	278/6	40		) Transport Workers (General) Award - (Comm'th)
2 Horses	291/-	"		
Stable Hand	273/-	"		
Motor Lorries & Waggon -				
3 tons	300/6	"		
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	310/-			
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer(per hour)	10/2	"		Waterside Workers Award (Comm'th)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	295/-	40		) Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award-(Comm'th)
Billiard Marker	275/-	"		
Cook	370/-	"	1st cook, 8 or more persons employed in kitchen	
Handyman	275/-	"		
Kitchenman	275/-	"		
Porter	275/-	"		)
Waiter	275/-	"		
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser (Mens)	328/-	"		Hairdressers Board (State)
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
<u>Engine Driver -</u>				
1st Class	318/-	40	With Condenser	) Engine Drivers and Firemen (General) Award-(Comm'th)
2nd Class	307/6	"		
<u>Fireman</u>				
1st Class	300/-	"		)
2nd Class	287/6	"		
<u>MUNICIPAL</u>				
Labourer	290/6	"		) Municipal Employees Melbourne City Council) Agreement (Comm'th)
Street Sweeper	296/-	"	Cleansing Labourer	
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 1. Boot dealers) (State)
Drapery Salesman	313/-	"		
Furniture Salesman	317/-	"		Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers and Mens Clothing) (State)
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"		
Hardware Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 14 (Furniture Dealers) (State)
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/-	"		
<u>STOREMAN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	306/6	"		) Storeman, Packers and Sorters Board (State)
Storeman (General)	306/6	"		

## ADULT FEMALES

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Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
	s. d.			
			<u>FOOD</u>	
Biscuit Making	217/-	40		Biscuit Board (State)
Confectionery	212/-	"		Confectioners Board (State)
			<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>	
Bootmaking	214/-	"		Footwear Manufacturing Award - (Comm'th)
Dressmaking, Ready Made-Cutter	233/-	"		)
Millinery Cutter	233/-	"		
Shirt Making Cutter	233/-	"		
Underclothing "	233/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (WOMEN'S) -ORDER-</u>				)
Coat Hand (Machinist)	233/-	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	218/6	"		
Tailoress	254/-	"		
Adult Female	198/-	"		Clothing Trades Award- (Comm'th)
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) READYMADE-</u>				)
Coat Hand (Machinist)	221/6	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	215/6	"		
Adult Female	198/-	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS</u>				
Comb Mender	212/-	"	After 6 months experience	)
Barner and Mender	217/-	"	"	
Warper, Plain	214/-	"	"	
Weaver (loom)	217/-	"	"	
Gillbox Mender	210/-	"	"	
Other Adult	196/-	"	"	
			<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>	
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	215/-	"		)
Sewer	215/-	"		
<u>CARDBOARD BOX -</u>				
Boxmaker	213/-	"	When boxes covered with paper	)
Other	203/6	"		
<u>PRINTING -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	215/-	"		)
			<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>	
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmaid	295/-	40		)
Housemaid	208/-	"		
Laundress	209/-	"		
Waitress - Head	215/-	"		
Other	208/-	"		)
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>				
Pantry Maid	208/6	"		)
Waitress	208/6	"		
<u>CLERKS -</u>				
Cashiers (Shops)	239/6	"		)
Clerical Assistants	239/6	"		
<u>SHOPS -</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	222/-	"		)
Drapery Saleswoman	222/-	"		
				Shops Board No. 1. (Boot Dealers)
				Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers & Men's Clothing) (State)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>SHOPS -</u>				
Food & Confectionery Salesman	216/-	40		Shops Board No. 19 (Confectionery etc.) (State)
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	211/-	"		Shops Board No. 21 (Booksellers and Newsagents)(State)

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